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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SUBJECT FOR SUMMIT DISCUSSIONS - AIRCRAFT
NEGOTIATIONS

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1. EMBOFF MET WITH LOCKHEED INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT PRILL
JUNE 27 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PRILL'S FINAL MEETING WITH
SOVIET MINISTRY OF AVIATION INDUSTRY OFFICIALS (HEADED BY
FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER KADYSHEV).
2. PRILL REPORTED THAT SOVIET SIDE HAD SPENT MUCH OF MEETINGS
JUNE 26 AND 27 GOING OVER COMPLAINTS VOICED AT INITIAL
MEETING JUNE 25 (REF B) CONCERNING USG POSITION ON PROPOSED
AGREEMENT COVERING COOPERATION IN WIDE-BODIED AIRCRAFT
PRODUCTION. SOVIETS TOOK TACK THAT IN FACE OF CRITICISM BY
SENATOR JACKSON, USG HAD SHIFTED POSITION FROM INITIAL SUPPORT
OF THIS TYPE US-SOVIET COOPERATION AND WAS NOW RAISING
OBSTACLES TO COOPERATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, THEY CITED
SECTION IN JUNE 1973 US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT COVERING
AVIATION AREA WHICH THEY INTERPRETED AS FAVORING TYPE OF
PROJECT WHICH THEY HAD IN MIND.
3. PRILL SAID HE ATTEMPTED WITHOUT SUCCESS TO DETERMINE
WHETHER SOVIETS INTENDED RAISE AIRCRAFT NEGOTIATIONS DURING
SUMMIT. HE CONCLUDED THAT HIS INTERLOCUTORS SIMPLY DID NOT
KNOW INTENTIONS OF LEADERSHIP. HE SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT
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THERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE SOME CONNECTION BETWEEN HIS HASTILY-

ARRANGED VISIT AND SUMMIT.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY INCLINED TO DOUBT THAT SOVIETS INTEND
RAISE SUBJECT OF AIRCRAFT NEGOTIATIONS DIRECTLY DURING SUMMIT
DISCUSSIONS, ALTHOUGH THEY MAY WELL INCLUDE COMPLAINT
ON U.S. EXPORT CONTROLS AS GENERAL OBSTACLE TO EXPANSION OF
TRADE. IF PRILL IS CORRECT IN SEEING CONNECTION BETWEEN HIS
VISIT AND SUMMIT, IT MOST LIKELY REFLECTS SOVIET DESIRE
OBTAIN UP-TO-THE-MINUTE REPORT ON USG ATTITUDES FROM AIRCRAFT
MANUFACTURER THEY REGARD (PROBABLY CORRECTLY) AS BEST DISPOSED
AMONG THREE U.S. COMPETITORS TOWARD TYPE OF PROJECT THEY
HAVE IN MIND. STOESEL

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